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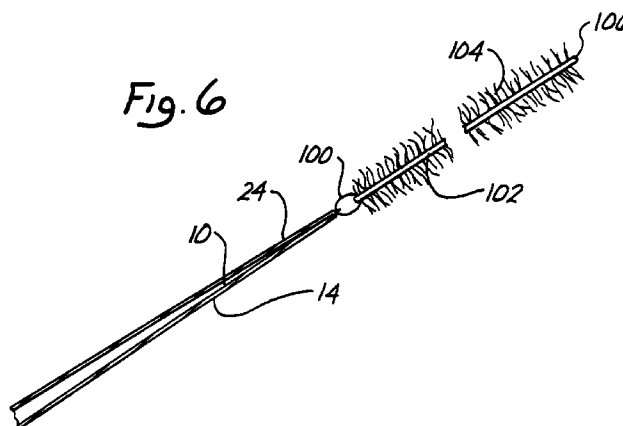
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(54) **Endovascular electrolytically detachable wire for thrombus formation**

(57) A wire (10,102) for use in combination with a microcatheter to form an occlusion within a vascular cavity, the wire comprising:

a core wire (10); and
a detachable elongate tip portion (102) coupled to a distal portion of the core wire, the tip portion extending the core wire for a predetermined lineal extent and being adapted to be positioned, in use, in a vascular cavity to form an occlusion in the vascular cavity, whereby endovascular occlusion of the vascular cavity can be performed;

characterised in that the detachable elongate tip portion (102) has a plurality of filaments or fine hairs extending therefrom.



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